



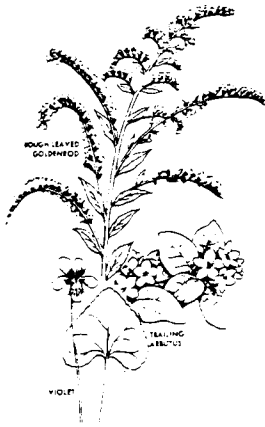
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SEPTEMBER 19th BOROUGH HALL 8 p.m.



Summer will be extended a little longer for the September 19th meeting of the Haddonfield Historical Society when we see some of the beautiful wild flowers of the State of New Jersey. Our speaker will be Mr. William Hawkins, of Pemberton, New Jersey. His hobbies of photography and an interest in seeking out some of the local areas that time has passed by promise to make for a fine program. He will show slides and talk on "Forgotten Towns and Wildflowers of New Jersey." Meeting time is 8 p.m. at Borough Hall.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY AUCTION

September 28, 1985

You must have one item in your house that you haven't used for years. Give it to the Historical Society and we shall auction it off at 10:00 a.m. on the last Saturday in September. You'll be happy because you'll never have to move or dust it again; the buyer will be happy because it's just what he always wanted; and the Historical Society will be happy to use the profit to keep our fine building in repair.

We shall be in the Garage to accept your donations from 9-12 a.m. on Mondays, September 9, 16, and 23rd. If the item is bulky and you need help, call me at 428-3314 and we'll try to find a solution. Remember, we do offer you a slip stating the value of your donation for tax purposes.

Kathleen B. Walter

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Although the Society's official year is probably best marked from our annual meeting each November, this September, as with many other organizations, will mark a new season of exciting activity for the Historical Society. The Woman's Committee begins again to hold its regular meetings; the Auction will be held at the end of the month; the Society will hold general meetings in September and November; the Education Committee will again be taking its "History Comes Alive" program into the schools; and, as last year, we will help the town celebrate its Fall Festival by opening Greenfield Hall on Saturday, October 19.

In addition to these events, a special committee will be hard at work throughout this Fall. At its meeting in June, the Executive Board unanimously voted to establish a Planning Committee, charged with an organizational self study and making recommendations and prioritizing short range and long term goals for the Historical Society.

While any group can benefit from such a study, I feel the Society is an especially good candidate. We have been an active organization with a large membership for many years; we have a large museum building, with an outstanding library and collections of historical artifacts to maintain. Our programs and activities are all accomplished without any paid staff. Because we have so many directions and options we need to take a look at ourselves - examining our strengths and our weaknesses - and formulate a realistic plan for our future direction. This is a truly exciting challenge.

I thank Joe Hartel for agreeing to

chair this committee, which has already begun to meet this summer. Look for progress reports of the Planning Committee's work in future issues of the newsletter and at meetings of the Society.

Douglas B. Rauschenberger

## THE WOMAN'S COMMITTEE

The Village Fair was a most successful one! Besides being a very pleasant day - not too hot but sunny and warm - we made a total of \$3,402.00 NET. A most rewarding day for all those who worked so hard to make it so. The two big money makers remain the Garage at \$932.86, and Jewelry at \$806.30. Baked Goods was much lower than last year, \$338.54. Items were priced too low for the marvelous quality of the many good things donated. The new luncheon menu was delightful and refreshing and enjoyed by all who partook thereof. All in all, every booth had a successful day. Our visitors were happy to see six new craft people taking part: Glazed pottery; stenciled cutouts and tin ware; hand made candles, oil lamps and wooden vases; art prints and paintings; bird baths and outdoor sculpture; dolls and doll clothing. They added excitement to the day.

Our next general meeting will be at 10 a.m. on the 24th of September at Greenfield Hall. Refreshments are served first, followed by the business meeting. The nominating committee will announce the new slate for 1985-1987. Hope to see all of you at that time.

Mrs. John J. Slaven, Chairman

## GERTRUDE HESS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

The library has been very active this summer both in terms of the number of users who have been in to do research and in terms of the projects which we are undertaking to make the collection accessible and to preserve the documents which make up the collection.

A number of boxes of donated materials have been sorted through in anticipation of a major cataloging effort to bring up to date the manuscript files of the Society. It is hoped that the cataloging effort can begin about the middle of October and will take several months to complete.

Additionally, we are beginning to look into the methods, costs and funding sources for a major effort directed towards the physical preservation and conservation of our very important and irreplaceable manuscript collection. The Historical Society has documents from as early as the late 15th century with the majority being from the 18th century. It has become evident over the past few years that some of these items are in serious danger of deteriorating beyond repair unless proper measures to remove acid from the paper and reduce further exposure to debilitating elements are undertaken.

The library is a very important resource for the Historical Society and its members. I would encourage those members of the Society with interest in researching local history to come in and take advantage of the collection and consider doing some writing for your own pleasure and for the benefit of local history. We have a number of papers written by early members of the Historical Society. It is a tradition which has fallen by the wayside but one which could be revived to the benefit of us all.

Katherine Tassini

## FALL FESTIVAL

Greenfield Hall will be open to receive both members of the Society and visitors on Saturday, October 19, 1985 from 12-4 p.m., as part of the Borough's Fall Festival.

As part of the Open House, the Society will be displaying recent acquisitions to our collection.

Come to Greenfield Hall on October 19 and join in the other events. Publicity on the Fall Festival will be forthcoming through the Haddon Gazette and other sources as the time draws nearer.

## IN OUR COLLECTION

The third floor of Greenfield Hall houses a wonderful collection of antique toys, dolls, games and similar artifacts which never fails to delight visitors - both young and old. One of the many interesting items in the collection is an antique sled; what makes this piece especially interesting is a short history that accompanies it. The note attached to the sled is as follows:

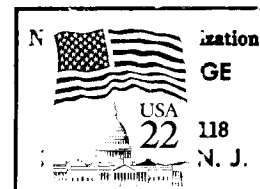
"This sled was made in Haddonfield during the first half of the 1850 decade. It was made for Joseph Exton (from) North Jersey, a boarding pupil at the Friends School. When he left the school he sold the sled to Samuel Wood, Samuel T. Willits and Joseph G. Evans. These three boys held the sled in joint ownership for several years. Joseph G. Evans bought the other two boys' interest in the sled when he went to Westtown Boarding School in 1859. He used it during the winters at Westtown and the sled was the Champion for SPEED."

How wonderful it would be if each and every item in our Collection would come with its own unique history!

*Greenfield Hall*

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MRS RUBY B OBERST  
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VINCENTOWN NJ 08088

"DR. RUSH'S DIRECTIONS"

Please to take one of these pills every night, until they bring on a soreness in your mouth, and a gentle salivation.

Wear a Burgunny patch plaster between your shoulders.

To relieve your cough drink frequently of fluxseed and bran teas, also of barley water with a little currant or Blackberry jelly dissolved in it.

Take also every two hours a tablespoon of the following mixture for the same purpose, viz. liquorice ball, a quarter of an ounce, dissolved in a gill and a half of warm water, with forty drops of Laudanum in it.

Take likewise from 15 to 30 drops of Laudanum (according to the urgency of the cough) every night at bedtime.

Live chiefly upon vegetables, Rennet whey, and a little salted meat, or salted fish.

The less liquids you take in your diet the better. All the fruits of the season may be eaten with safety.

Avoid fatigue of mind and body from all its causes.

Avoid the night air. Go to bed early. Carefully accomodate your dress to the changes in the weather.

Avoid loud, and long speaking and reading.

June 12th 1805

Benj. Rush

P.S. If a spitting of blood should return, take a tablespoon of common salt, three times a day and lose a few ounces of blood from your arm.

Thus reads the text of a prescription written by Dr. Benjamin Rush, a leading physician of Philadelphia and a signer of the Declaration of Independence. This particular prescription was recently discovered in the collection of the Historical Society's Library.

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